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For the attention of Mr. Arthur I. Palmer, Jr.

Dear Sirs,

Foreign Patent Applications corresponding to U.S.Serial 805 689. PM. 764. Our File:21469.

Further to our letter of the 12th May we have received and enclose a copy of a report from the Search Branch of the EPO confirming our view that this invention is in a class that will be examined and accordingly we shall be proceeding with the EPO filing.

We believe it was mentioned during your discussion on European filing in Munich recently that the EPO will examine an application when any of the sub-classes involved fall within the classes open to examination. This is made clear in the report, although the guide lines suggested that this would happen only when the "primary" classification was open for examination. It is believed this relaxation has been made in order to encourage early use of the EPO.

We will report to you again in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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